

guide thee with (their fingers for) reins to
the sacred
grass.

2. The divine *Indu* well-armed flows
forth, the
destroyer of *RdJcshasas* ^ averting
calamity, the pro-
tector of the gods, the progenitor, the
powerful one,
the prop of heaven, the support of the
earth.

3. The *rishi*, the sage, the foremost of
men, the
far shining intelligent *Usanas*—he
verily by his
poetic gift discovered the secret milk of
those cows
which ^Vas hidden and concealed.

4. ¹ For thee, IXDEA, the showerer, this
sweet-
flavoured *Soma* the showerer has been
poured into
the filter; the giver of thousandfold
wealth, the
giver of hundredfold wealth, the giver of
abundant
wealth, the powerful is present
at the eternal
sacrifice.

5. These *Soma* juices, (going towards)
the thousand
viands produced by the kine, purified by
the filters,
are let loose for ample food and
ambrosia, desiring
food like horses victorious over a host.

6. Invoked by many, the
>b'<»><>/, undergoing
purification, pours forth all food (for the
sake of
men); falcon-borne, bring us food,
conveying wealth
send forth thy juice.

7. When effused, this quick-flowing
Sr/ma hastens

to the filter like a steed let loose ;
whilst alighting
(he moves) like a buffalo sharpening
his pointed
horns, like a warrior on a foray for
cattle.

¹ Sanaa Veda. I. C. 1. 4. A

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